

RESERVATION BELIEVED TO NULLIFY CONVENTION

United States Seeks to Impose Higher Standards on All Shipping in American Waters.

RECONSIDERATION IS SOUGHT
State and Commerce Department Officials Think Entire Benefits Will Be Lost if Resolution Is Permitted to Go Through.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—Reconsideration by the Senate of the resolution adopted last week ratifying the safety-at-sea convention will be sought early next week. It was learned to-night, because State and Commerce Department officials believe the reservation to the United States of the right to impose higher standards on all shipping in American waters than those imposed by the treaty virtually nullifies the international agreement.

The subject was discussed to-day by Secretary Bryan, Secretary Redfield, Commissioner Chamberlain, of the Navigation Bureau, and Chairman Alexander, of the House Merchant Marine Committee. Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, talked with President Wilson, and said later he believed the ratification of the convention "practically nullifies the convention."

In urging the ratification resolution, supporters of the pending seaman's bill contended that the treaty would interfere with that measure. Those supporting the House substitute for the La Follette bill, however, were understood to-night to have concluded it would not conflict with the convention. The substitute was framed by Representative Alexander, one of the American delegates to the London convention which drafted the treaty already accepted by most of the other powers represented.

The convention and the Senate resolution have been received at the White House and forwarded to the State Department for transmission to London. Under the terms of the convention, the ratification must be received in London by December 31. It was believed to-night this difficulty might be overcome by the passage of a protocol by the powers extending the time.

In urging the ratification in his last message to Congress, the President called particular attention to this time limit. It is understood President Wilson believes the modifying clause unnecessary, and that he may take steps to inform the Senate informally of his reasons.

It is possible for Senators voting for the resolution to move reconsideration. Senator Stone said to-night he did not know what course would be followed.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Howard Johnson Shoots Himself in Yard at His Home.

Howard Johnson, twenty years old, of 514 West Twelfth Street, South Richmond, yesterday morning attempted suicide by shooting himself through the right breast while standing in the front yard of his home. He was the only reason which relatives are able to give for the act.

Johnson was found lying in the yard a few minutes after the shot had been fired. He was taken to the hospital, where he was placed in a room. He was unconscious when ambulance surgeon Walker arrived in response to a hurry call. He was immediately rushed to St. Luke's Hospital.

The young man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. His father was formerly an engineer on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, but because of ill health he has been unable to work for some time. Johnson was reported to have been in a rooming house as well as could be ascertained by a morning call.

VIRGINIA BUILDING NOT FOR PRIVATE USE

Commission Refused Applications of Various Patriotic Orders for Special Privileges.

"The Virginia Building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition is intended for the public, and designed as a place for the advertisement of the resources of the State," said W. W. Baker, of the Virginia Commission, thus explaining the refusal of the commission to grant the request of the Colonial Dames for permission to occupy a part of the Mount Vernon building during the San Francisco exposition.

Captain Baker said that a similar request had come from Jeff Davis Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, San Francisco, which was likewise refused. The commissioners, he said, realize that one organization cannot be accorded privileges denied another; that if space in the building were given to one society for permanent occupancy others would demand and have a right to expect a like concession. This would mean a series of social, patriotic, charitable and other events given by one organization after another in the building during the exposition season, and on these days the general public would be excluded. This would defeat the object of the General Assembly in placing the Virginia exhibit in San Francisco.

Several organizations besides those mentioned have made overtures to the Virginia Commission soliciting special privileges in the way of temporary or permanent occupancy of the Mount Vernon building. Captain Baker is strongly opposed to granting any of the requests, although he would not object to surrendering the building for one day only to each of the organizations desiring to hold a special celebration of patriotic significance. His objection is based on his personal knowledge and observation while serving as a member of the Virginia Commission at the expositions held at St. Louis and Jamestown.

PARDONS REFUSED

Governor Stuart Eliminates Three From His Christmas List.

The Christmas batch of pardons, consideration of which has occupied the time and attention of Governor Stuart to no little extent recently, may be announced to-morrow. Many applications have been considered and inquiry into the cases resulted in disappointment for many of the convicts in whose behalf petitions for executive clemency were rejected by Governor Stuart yesterday.

The most notable of these cases is that of Warren Tucker Craig, who, with his father and brother Lewis, convicted in Shenandoah County in December, 1910, of murder and arson and sentenced to serve sixteen years in the penitentiary. The victim, Charles Lomas, was murdered and his home burned. After the three Craigs were convicted and sent to the penitentiary the wife of Craig, Sr., came to Richmond with her husband and children. They were in destitute circumstances and sought shelter at the City Home. Although not residents of the city, they were received as public charges and remained until the mother obtained work that enabled her to make a home for herself and her little ones. She made several efforts to secure the release of her husband and children, fully winning the sympathy of Governor Montague, while he was in office. Craig, Sr., and Warren Tucker Craig were eventually paroled. But Warren Tucker Craig violated his parole and was returned to the prison. Governor Stuart does not consider him a worthy subject for executive clemency.

Walter Davis, who was likewise refused a pardon, was sent to the penitentiary from Amherst County in June, 1910, for a criminal assault and sentenced to serve eighteen years. Investigating the case of Davis, Governor Stuart discovered that the man has had prison record. Accordingly, his petition was rejected, although the prisoner will have served out his full term in May, 1915.

The third petitioner whom the Santa Claus of executive clemency has cut out of his Christmas list this year is George F. Flournoy, a white convict from Allegheny, who was enlisted for an eight-year term on papers showing that he had been convicted of robbery.

PETERSBURG

CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE NEXT STEP IN CASE

Further Litigation in Sight for Factions Which Have Disrupted Church.

JUDGE IS EXPECTED TO ACT

Special Election to Choose Successor to Late R. B. Hartley in Legislature Will Be Held on January 5. Dr. Joel Crawford Only Candidate.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 19.—It is probable that proceedings for contempt will be instituted before Judge J. F. West, in the Hustings Court of this city, as the result of the disturbances a few nights ago at a congregational meeting in the Harrison Street Colored Baptist Church, in this city. A decree entered by Judge West, sitting in the hearing of the cause, recognizing the anti-Tartie faction at the rightful and legal powers, placed them in possession of the church property and the management and control of the affairs of the church. At the same time, an order was entered restraining the Tartie faction or any one connected with it from in any way interfering with the anti-Tartie faction in their official duties. At the meeting in the church the first of last week, many persons having no right there caused such disturbance and interference with the proceedings that it was deemed necessary to bring the meeting to a close, and call in the police to disperse the crowd and close the church. The facts were reported to Smith, Moncure Gordon, counsel for the anti-Tartie, who communicated with Judge West, at Waverly, and notified him of their intention to institute proceedings for contempt and violation of his restraining order.

Special Election for Legislature. A special election to fill the vacancy in the House of Delegates from Greenfield and Sussex Counties, caused by the death of R. B. Hartley, will be held on January 5. Dr. Joel Crawford, of Sussex, is the only candidate to be voted for, having been declared a Democratic nominee by the executive committee of the two counties in joint session. Dr. Crawford is a widely known citizen, and he will be elected in time to take his seat at the special session of the Legislature, which meets on January 13.

Petersburg Tobacco Market.

The Petersburg tobacco market was closed for the holidays yesterday, to be opened on January 5. Sales of bright tobacco for the week were 207,656 pounds, making total sales for the season to date 1,424,230 pounds. Best grades brought \$35 to \$40 during the week.

Sales of dark during the week, 179,335 pounds; total sales to date, 400,362 pounds. Market very active at the following prices: Sand lugs.....\$ 2.00 @ \$ 2.50 Lugs.....4.00 @ 5.50 Short leaf.....7 @ 8.50 Shipping leaf.....10 @ 12.75 Wrappers.....20 @ 30.00

Robbed at the Train. A well-known young man, while boarding the Norfolk and Western train for Norfolk on Wednesday afternoon, was robbed of his pocketbook containing \$30 or more and two tickets to Baltimore, to which place he and his father were going on a business trip. The robbery was not discovered until after the train had started and the conductor called for the fare. He got off at Waverly and returned to the city.

Girl Fatally Burned. Lilly Robinson, colored, sixteen years old, was badly, and it is thought fatally, burned yesterday afternoon on the farm of J. E. Cousins, in Prince George County. She was attempting to kindle a fire in order to keep warm when her clothes caught ablaze, and she was terribly burned from head to foot. It is said there is little prospect of her recovery.

Death of Venerable Woman. Mrs. M. A. Grigg, aged eighty-one years, widow of J. W. Grigg, of this city, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. S. Jones, in Weldon, N. C. Mrs. W. A. Barham, of Danville, will be held at the grave in Blandford Cemetery. She is survived by six children: Mrs. T. S. Jones, of Weldon, N. C.; Mrs. W. A. Barham, of Danville, N. C.; Mrs. R. B. Andrews, of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. V. F. Grigg and Mrs. Ella Thacker, of Petersburg.

To Remodel Stores. A contract has been awarded to Charles E. Dillon, architect, for remodeling the two stores in North Sycamore Street formerly occupied by Arlington & Green, and the Robinson & Purdy Corporation, commission merchants. Four handsome stores are to take the place of the two buildings, which, when completed, will make a fine improvement to the street.

Woodmen Elect Officers. Phoenix Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, at the annual meeting last night, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: past consul, N. E. Wicker; consul, D. W. Barnhill; advisor, A. B. Baxter; escort, J. W. King; clerk, W. D. Drell; banker, J. W. Dancy; watchman, G. E. Price; sentry, W. M. Cross; physicians, Drs. J. E. Smith, W. P. Hoy and D. C. Mays; manager for three years, R. A. Baxter. The camp will have a banquet the first meeting in January.

General News Notes. Dr. John M. A. Grigg, a well-known surgeon of this city, has enlisted in the service of the American Red Cross, and will shortly sail for Russia.

The "Social Dancers," to be given under the auspices of the King's Daughters at Library Hall on Monday night, will be a social event of interest. Among the features of the evening will be an exhibition of modern dances by three stars, R. A. Baxter, of Richmond, and Raymond Orr, of this city.

The Norfolk and Western Railway is preparing to erect a handsome new station at Waverly.

Christmas music will be rendered in a number of the city churches to-morrow, and the Catholic and Episcopal churches are being decorated for the season.

DIES FROM BURNS

Her clothes catching fire from an open grate, Little Constantine Pappas, three years old of 519 East Marshall Street, was horribly burned about the body yesterday morning and died at Virginia Hospital a few hours after her arrival there. A twin sister and a brother were not injured, and the blaze, started in the room from the child's clothing, did little damage before it was extinguished.

The screams of the child attracted Mrs. Pappas, who rushed to her assistance and succeeded in putting out the burning clothing. She rushed to the street with the injured child in her arms, and there two women, whose names were not ascertained by the authorities at Virginia Hospital, offered the use of their automobile in rushing the girl to the hospital. Their prompt assistance probably prevented the child dying in the street, according to the hospital authorities.

BELGIAN COMMISSION PAYS COST OF LOADING

Relief Ship Bearing Virginia's Contribution Will Sail Without Charges.

More than \$1,200 was received yesterday by Colonel H. M. Boykin, chairman of the Virginia State Belgian Relief Commission, and the money will be immediately expended in the purchase of flour, which is needed by the Belgians more than anything else. Colonel Boykin was informed that the American Commission for Relief in Belgium has already paid the charter fees of the Lynora, which is to carry over Virginia's contribution to the stricken nation, and that the commission will assume all the costs of loading. Harbort & Co., of Norfolk, has been designated the shipping agent for the commission, and Vice-Consul J. P. Andre Motu has been notified to that effect. Contributions received yesterday are as follows: Z. T. Pierce, Alexandria, Va., \$10.38. Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia, \$25. Woman's Club, Barton Heights, \$100. Urban Dramatic Club, Urbana, Va., \$72.50. Mrs. R. J. Palmer, West Point, \$3. E. C. Nash, city, \$5. Clifton Forge Baptist Church, \$40. Mrs. R. R. Walker, Waterford, \$5. S. H. Love and others, Meherrin, \$5.75. Prince William County committee, \$232.75. Beaufort County committee, \$245. Albert (Va.) county club, \$20. Miss Pauline G. Watts, Center Cross, Va., \$27.50. H. Goode, Moseley's Junction, Va., \$6. Albert L. Baker, Chesterfield County, \$5. H. Flournoy, Chesterfield County, \$5. Phillip V. Corbitt and others from Chesterfield, \$10. Greene County committee, \$121.05. Upper Zion Church, Upper Zion, Va., \$13.15. Fairfax County committee, \$250. Appomattox County committee, \$10. T. A. C. Henrico, \$50. Apple growers' Virginia committee, \$6.50. King's Daughters, Shirley, Va., \$13. Herbert Saunders, Shirley, Va., \$10. A. F. Amherst, Va., \$10.

Notaries Commissioned. Commissions were issued from the office of Governor Stuart yesterday to the following notaries public: Floyd I. Ritchie, Allegheny County; Georgia Sharpe, Richmond, and Frank T. Wootton, Prince Edward County.

Sits for Judge Chichester. Responding to an emergency call at an hour's notice, Judge Ernest H. Wells, of Hastings Court Part 2, South Richmond, yesterday presided in the Circuit Court of Caroline County, substituting for Judge Chichester.

Governor Stuart was advised yesterday morning that Judge Chichester was unable to sit. He immediately designated Judge Wells to act for the sick

jurist and Judge Wells was notified just in time to permit him to take a noon train to Caroline. He returned home last night. Judge Chichester's illness was an acute attack but of brief duration and he will be probably able to resume his place on the bench to-morrow.

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\$4.98 Gentlemen's Set, consists of a pair military brushes, cloth brush, hat brush.....\$3.75
\$7.50 Gentlemen's Set, consists of pair military brushes, cloth brush.....\$5.50
\$4.75 Gentlemen's Sets.....\$3.75
\$4.25 Gentlemen's Sets.....\$3.25
\$6.25 Gentlemen's Sets.....\$5.00
\$3.49 Gentlemen's Sets.....\$2.50

MILITARY BRUSHES—

\$4.75 Military Brushes.....\$3.25
\$2.75 Military Brushes.....\$1.75
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\$5.25 Ladies' Combination Brush and Mirror Set, with inlaid silver.....\$3.25
\$3.50 Cloth and Hat Brush, at.....\$2.50
\$3.75 Filigreed Set, clothes brush, hat brush, hair Brush and Comb.....\$2.75

\$2.00 Large Gold Face, two-bell Nickel Alarm Clock.....\$1.10

\$1.50 Beautiful Box Finest Quality Stationery, filled with writing paper and envelopes.....\$1.00

\$2.00 Decorated Baskets, filled with useful toilet articles.....\$1.10

\$2.00 Gold-plated Knives, to go on end of watch chain.....\$1.00

\$3.50 Scruff Pin or Cuff Button Sets, in leather case.....\$2.00

\$3.00 Lapel Chains, gold plated, neat designs.....\$1.98

\$3.00 and \$3.50 Gold plated Rings, with brilliant sets, \$1.50 and.....\$1.00

\$1.50 and \$2.00 German Silver Mesh Bags, 75c and.....\$1.00

\$1.00 to \$3.00 Ladies' Card Cases and Vanity Purses, in German Silver, ivory, gun metal and gold, 40c to.....\$1.30

\$2.50 Heavily Nickelated Cake or Sandwich Plate, 10 inches.....\$1.75

\$1.75 Coaster Sets, with 10-inch tray and 6 3-inch cups for glasses.....\$1.25

\$1.50 Onyx Bedroom Clock, very pretty and useful.....\$1.00

\$1.75 Crumb Trays, in nickel, copper and brass.....\$1.30

\$1.50 Adjustable Bath Room Shaving Mirror, bevelled plate mirror, highly nickelated.....\$1.00

\$1.50 Casserole or Baking Dish, with nickelated holders; keeps things hot while being served.....80c

\$1.50 Guaranteed Nickelated Watch, with any initial engraved on back.....80c

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Fountain Pens, 14-K. gold pen and trimmings.....\$1.00

Old Damascus and Ever Ready Razors.....\$1.00

Gillette Razors, silver, Gold-plate and ivory.....\$5, \$6, \$6.50 and \$10

\$4.50 Pair Military Brushes and Mirror, hardwood, with silver moose head mountings.....\$3.50

\$2.50 White Metal Set, mirror, comb and brush.....\$1.75

\$1.75 Child's Sets, comb, brush and mirror.....\$1.25

\$2.25 Child's Sets, combs, brush and mirror.....\$1.65

\$1.00 Child's Sets, combs, brush and mirror.....75c

\$2.50 Manicure Set.....\$2.25

\$3.98 Manicure Set.....\$2.25

Pullman Slippers, in leather cases, red or black.....80c

Ideal Photo Albums, loose leaf, black or brown, 75c to \$1.50

Postcard Albums.....50c and 60c

Clinical Thermometers, in aluminum cases, with chain.....60c and 75c

Auto and Sun Goggles, in tortoiseshell frames, yellow glasses.....\$1.00 and \$1.25

Children's Lunch Baskets, 15c and 21c

Jewel Boxes, satin lined, 25c to \$2.25

Ash Trays.....10c to \$1.00

Children's Plates and Sets, 25c

\$2.50 Clock Sets, in blue and brown china, with clock and two vases.....\$1.98

\$2.50 Carving Sets, with stag handle and best Sheffield steel.....\$1.75

Brass and Copper Smoking Trays and Ash Receivers, 10c to.....\$1.10

Rubberst Shaving Brushes, pure Badger hair, 25c to.....\$1.50

Thermos Bottles, from 60c to.....\$5.00

STERLING SILVER SETS—

Comb and Brush.....\$3.50 to \$5

Comb, Brush and Mirror, \$5.00 to \$15.00

Manicure.....\$2.75 to \$6.50

15c Umbrellas, with natural wood and fancy handles.....98c

75c Whisk Brooms, gold embossed, fancy handles.....50c

75c box Handsome Stationery, containing writing paper and correspondence cards.....50c

Xmas Cards and Seals 1c to 25c

\$1.00 value Bottle Extract, all odors.....50c

\$1.00 Toilet Waters make a very desirable Xmas present.....50c to \$1.50

Xmas Candles include—

Townsend's Glace Fruit, per pound.....\$1.00

Nobility Chocolates, per pound.....50c, 80c and \$1.00

Huyler's, per pound.....80c

Lowney's, per pound.....60c and 80c

Dorothy, per pound.....45c

Rose, per pound.....29c

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Every \$10.00 Coat to go at.....	\$6.00	Every \$20.00 Coat to go at.....	\$12.00
Every \$12.50 Coat to go at.....	\$7.50	Every \$15.00 Coat to go at.....	\$15.00

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